



HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES March 13, 2014- 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ahmad called the March 13, 2014 regular meeting of the Human Services Commission to order at 6:41 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Haris Ahmad, Joyce Bowling, Leslie Hamada, Mia McFarland, Lesley Schlesinger (arrived at 6:45)

MEMBERS ABSENT

CM McGregor-Hollums was excused
John Woodcock, unexcused

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Victoria Throm, Personnel & Human Services Analyst

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

CM HAMADA MOVED AND CM MCFARLAND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2014 AS WRITTEN. VOTE: 4-0. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Ahmad called for public comments to all visitors. There were no comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 1. Plan Site Visit to Pediatric Interim Care Center on April 10, 2014

The commission agreed to meet at 6:00 p.m. for a brief business meeting and then carpool to the PICC facility in Kent. Victoria will contact the director and confirm the day and time.

Item 2. Review Joint Council Meeting Agenda

The joint meeting was moved to April 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers. There were two items to discuss with council: 1) request an increase of human service funds and 2) what part if any, would the Human Services Commission have with the addition of sports programs. Victoria prepared a chart of the amount of human service funding, population, percentage of free and reduced lunches in the school district, and one-night count of homeless in King County over the past 14 years. The data was helpful in showing a correlation of rise in population with needs. After a short discussion, there was consensus to ask for a \$10,000 increase in funding for this next funding cycle.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 3. Election of Chair and Vice-chair to serve April 2014-March 31, 2015

Chair Ahmad opened the nominations for Chair.

CM Ahmad nominated Fran McGregor-Hollums for Chair. CM Schlesinger seconded the nomination. Vote: 5-0. Motion Carried to elect CM McGregor-Hollums as Chair.

Chair Ahmad opened the nominations for Vice-Chair.

CM Ahmad nominated Leslie Hamada as Vice-Chair. CM McFarland seconded the nomination. Vote: 5-0. Motion Carried to elect CM Hamada as Vice-Chair.

Item 4. Update on Commission Interview

Victoria said Council interviewed one student and four adults on March 11th. The remaining five students and one adult will be interviewed on March 25th with appointments made at the March 25th meeting. Victoria has been meeting with each candidate prior to their interviews to give them an overview of the commission so they have a better understanding.

Item 5. Review Storehouse Survey and Crisis Clinic Outcome Report

The 2013 outcome report was completed following a survey conducted by Storehouse. They distributed 131 surveys and 102 were completed and returned. 100% of those responded that the Storehouse made a positive difference in their life. They also re-designed their resource packet after meeting with Victoria. Several new resources were added and they put the information into a spiral bound book. 72 people responded that the information was helpful.

In addition, the Crisis Clinic 2-1-1 and Teen Link provided their demographic report and outcome report. It was noted that the demographics have changed with much more diversity in Covington.

Item 6. Farewell Celebration to Outgoing Commissioners

Terms for Commissioners Ahmad and McFarland will expire at the end of March. In honor of their final meeting, we celebrated with dessert as they both shared their future plans. We wish them both well in the coming years as they continue their higher education.

COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by:



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